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Baby's Keepsake COLLECTION

stitching stuff

Dear Stitching Friend,

Baby's own hand prints, footprints, and a lock of hair become treasured keepsakes in this sweet collection by Deborah Lambein. Just follow our simple instructions to add baby's prints to two framed pieces and a baby book that you'll cherish forever. You can even tuck away a "keepsake curl" in our porcelain jar. With our chart of ABC's and numbers, you can add baby's name, birth weight, and birth date to your projects, too!

A mother herself, Deborah says that although designing keeps her busy, she always makes plenty of time for family.

Your friends,

"The Good-Natured Girls"

MATERIAL THINGS

ABOUT FLOSS. We use DMC floss to stitch our models, but we list Anchor floss colors as an option. To make gathering your floss colors easier, all colors used in the design are listed in numerical order in the Cross Stitch section of the color key. The floss colors without symbols are used for stitches other than cross stitch.

The number of strands of floss you will use depends on the thread count of your fabric. **Project Notes** (located next to the color key) give the number of strands that we used for our model. If you use a fabric with a different thread count than our model, you may need to adjust the number of strands.

The following table shows the recommended number of strands to use for different fabric counts. For special "looks," like heavier backstitch for lettering, you may need to vary the number of strands that you use.

FABRIC COUNT	NUMBER OF STRANDS		
	CROSS STITCH	BACK-STITCH	FRENCH KNOTS
12.5 ct	3	1	1
14 ct	3	1	1
16 ct	2	1	1
18 ct	2	1	1
22 ct	1	1	1

ABOUT FABRIC. Project Notes also tell you what kind of fabric you'll need, its thread count, and the size of the piece we used for our model. Of course, you should feel free to choose any fabric you like. If you use a fabric with a different thread count than the one we used, you'll need to figure your new design size and determine the width and height to cut your fabric. Use the equation below to figure the new design size. Simply cut the fabric a few inches larger than the design size to accommodate your finished project. We added eight inches to the width and height of each design to allow for finishing.

FIGURING DESIGN SIZE

Width or Height Stitch Count ÷ Fabric Thread Count = Finished Design Size

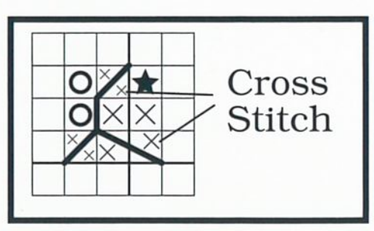
Example: 88 stitches wide ÷ 16 count fabric = 5½" wide

ALL ABOUT OUR CHARTS

All stitches are represented by symbols in the chart. Each symbol is listed in the color key. Look at the heading of the column to see what stitch that symbol represents. Follow the line across to see what floss color you should use for the stitch. Sound simple? It is! However, there are a few special situations to consider:

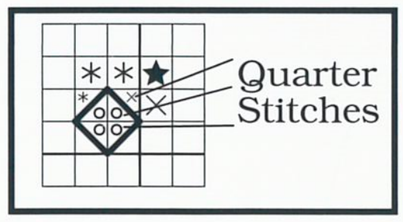
Backstitch Covering Cross Stitch

When a backstitch covers a cross stitch, we can't show a full-size symbol, so we show a reduced symbol on one or both sides of the backstitch.



Quarter Stitches

Quarter stitches are also shown as reduced symbols. The difference between these and reduced symbols for cross stitch is that you will either have two different symbols in the same square or one reduced symbol on the edge of the design.



If you're not sure how to do a certain stitch, just refer to the **WHICH STITCHES** section and follow the numbers. It's that easy! So just get started and enjoy.

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FOOT AND HAND PRINTING

We made our foot and handprints on 14 ct. cotton Aida that matched our stitched pieces. Although you can use a different type of fabric for your prints, we recommend natural fiber fabric, as paint may not adhere well to synthetics.

1. Cut a 5" x 5" piece of fabric for each print that you wish to make. You may want to cut a couple of extra pieces to have ready in case your first printing is not a success.
2. Follow manufacturer's instructions to mix pink or blue acrylic paint with textile medium. Dilute mixture with a small amount of water. The consistency should be the same as light cream.
3. You may want to practice on a scrap of fabric or a paper towel before printing on the fabric square. Use a small sponge brush to carefully paint hand or foot with paint mixture. Gently, but firmly press the hand or foot to the fabric.
4. When the paint is dry, use a pressing cloth and a hot, dry iron to heat-set prints on fabric.
5. Centering the painted print, trim the fabric to the desired size to fit on the stitched piece. Make sure if you are using two prints that the two fabric pieces are trimmed to the same size.
6. Fringe each edge of the printed fabric the desired amount.
7. Referring to the chart and photo, arrange the printed fabric piece(s) on the stitched piece. Use two strands of floss and a running stitch to sew your print to the stitched piece.

FINISHING TOUCHES

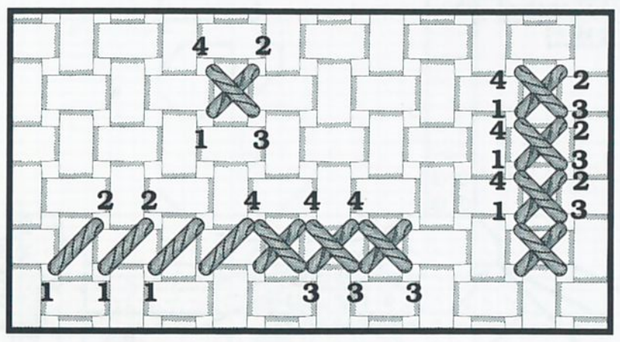
BABY BOOK

1. For baby book cover, cut a piece of fabric 1/2" larger on all four sides than open 3-ring binder. Cut a piece of batting same size as open binder. Glue batting to outside of binder. Center binder, batting side down, on wrong side of fabric. Fold and glue fabric over edges of binder. For lining, cut two pieces of poster board slightly smaller than inside covers. Cut a piece of fabric 1" larger on all four sides than each poster board piece. Center poster board on wrong side of fabric. Fold and glue fabric over edges of poster board. Glue covered poster board to inside covers of binder.
2. To pad your stitched piece, cut a piece of mounting board desired size and shape. Cut a paper pattern 3/4" larger on all sides than board. Centering pattern on design, cut out your stitched piece. Clip 1/4" into edges of stitched piece at 1/2" intervals. Cut batting same size as board; place on board. Place stitched piece on batting; fold and glue edges to back of board.
3. For cording, cut a 2" wide bias strip of fabric the same measurement as outer edge of board plus 3". Attach zipper foot to sewing machine. Center 1/4" dia. cord on wrong side of bias strip. Matching long raw edges, fold bias strip over cord. Gently stretching fabric as you stitch, baste next to cord.
4. Beginning at center bottom, pin cording to back of board along outer edge. Make clips in seam allowances of cording at each corner to allow it to lie flat. Beginning and ending 2" from each end of cording, glue cording to back of board along outer edge. Cut off one end of cording so it overlaps the other end by 1". Remove 2" of stitching from loose end of cording. Cut cord so ends butt together. Fold loose end of bias strip under 1/2"; lap it around the other end. Continue gluing cording to back of board.
5. Cut pregathered lace the same measurement as outer edge of board plus 1". Press short edges 1/4" to the wrong side. Beginning at center bottom, pin lace to back of board along outer edge; overlap folded edges. Glue lace to back of board. Glue board to front of baby book; decorate as desired.

which stitches

JUST FOLLOW THE NUMBERS!

CROSS STITCH



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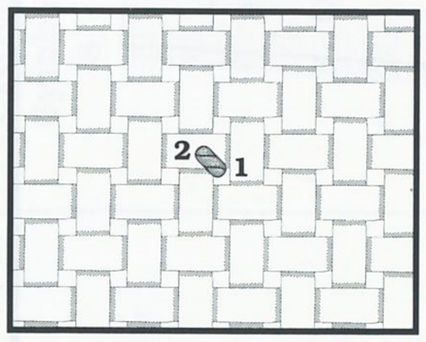

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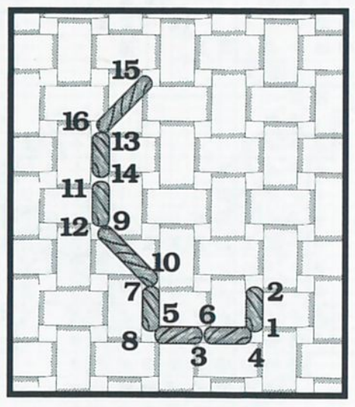

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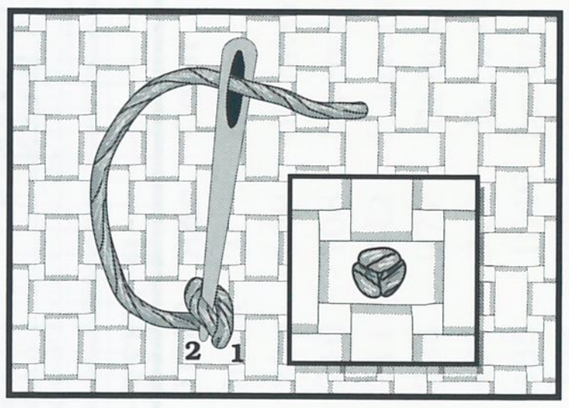

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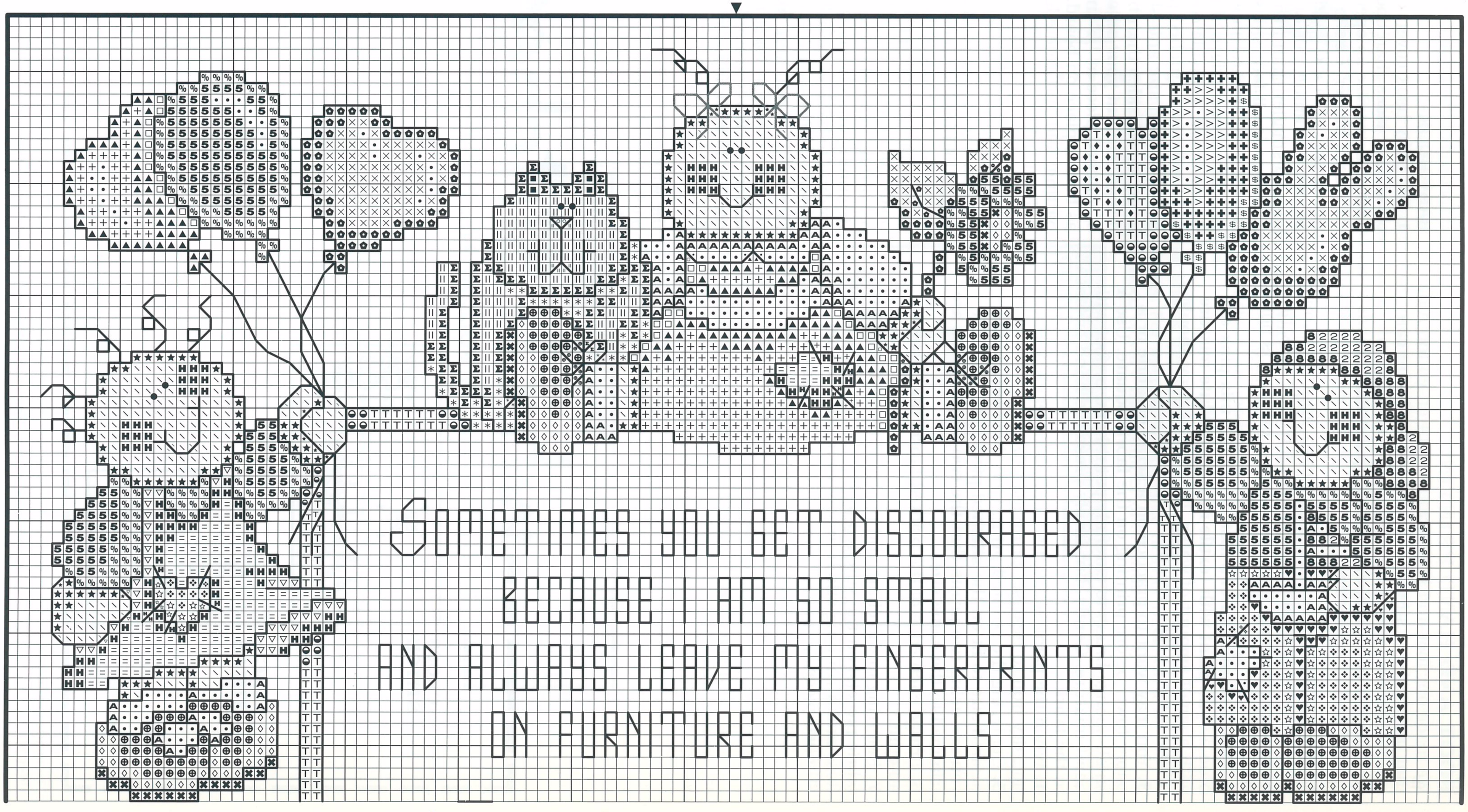
SOMETIMES YOU GET DISCOURAGED

STITCH COUNT:
123 wide x 188 high

PROJECT NOTES

Custom Frame: *Sometimes You Get Discouraged* was stitched on a 15" x 19 1/2" piece of 14 ct. White Aida. We used 3 strands for Cross Stitch and 1 strand for all other stitches. We personalized our design with the alphabet and numbers provided on page 9 using vy dk brown floss. See Foot and Hand Printing on page 2.



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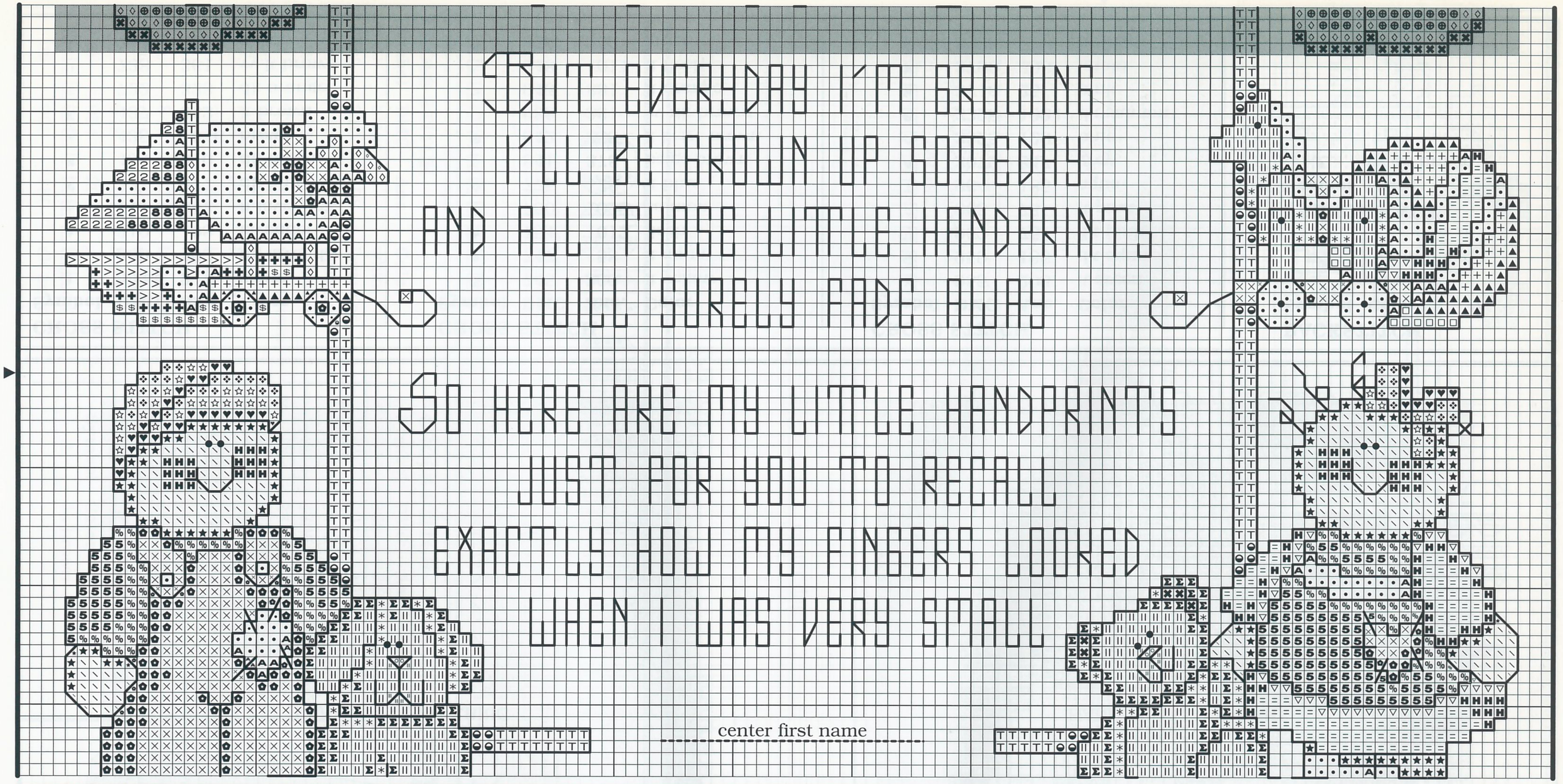
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WILL SURELY FADE AWAY
SO HERE ARE MY LITTLE HANDPRINTS
JUST FOR YOU TO RECALL
EXACTLY HOW MY FINGERS LOOKED
WHEN I WAS VERY SMALL
center first name

CROSS STITCH

Symbol	DMC	Anc.	Color
•	blanc	2	white
□	209	109	dk lavender
▲	210	108	lavender
+	211	342	lt lavender
♥	334	977	dk blue
■	434	310	dk brown
*	435	1046	brown
Σ	437	362	lt brown
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‖	738	361	vy lt brown
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CROSS STITCH

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♦	747	158	lt aqua
★	754	1012	flesh
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A	3072	847	grey
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8	3328	1024	dk salmon
H	3716	25	pink
✖	3790	393	khaki
✚	3825		orange

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
⁄	dk pink
⁄	vy dk brown

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
●	vy dk brown

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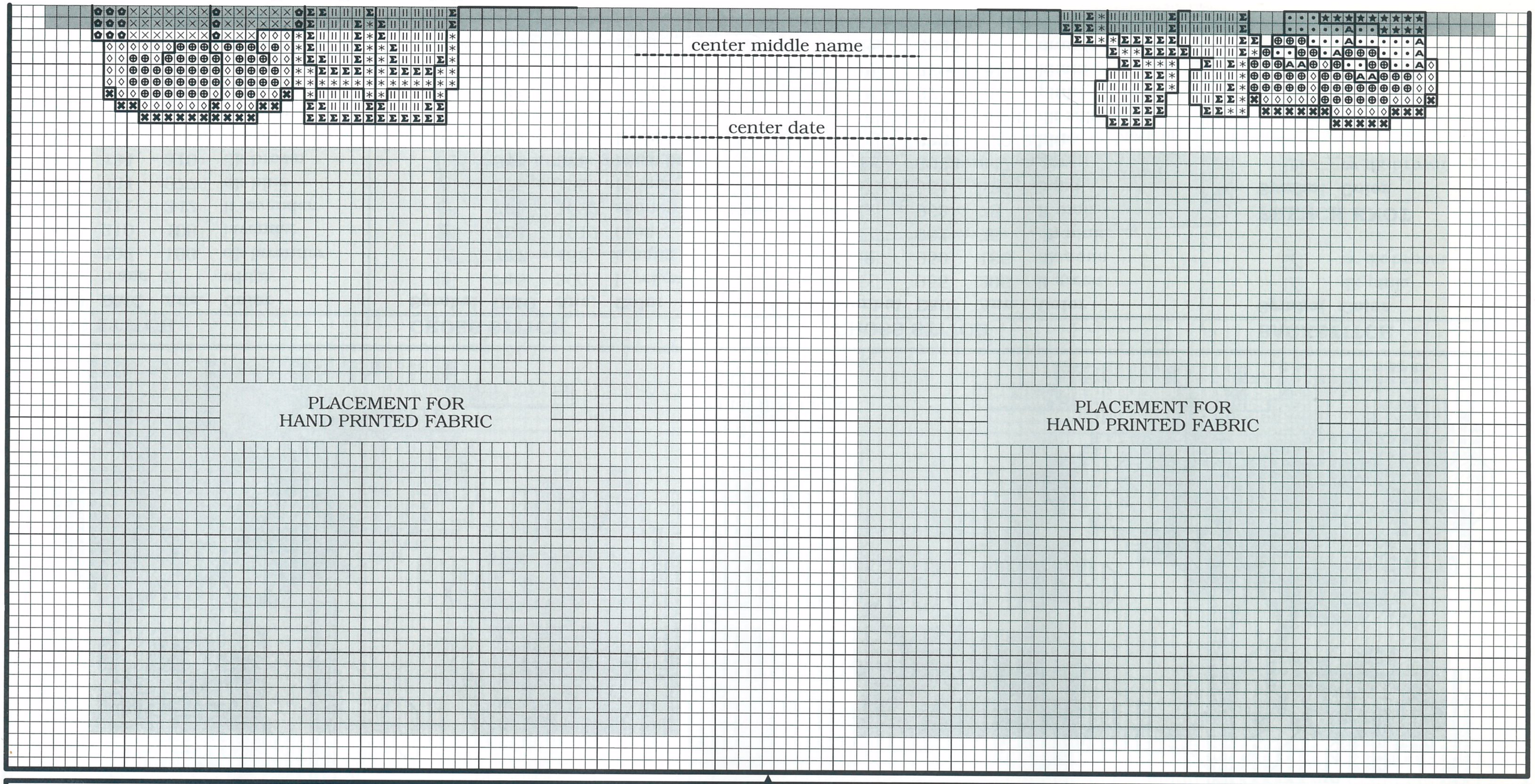

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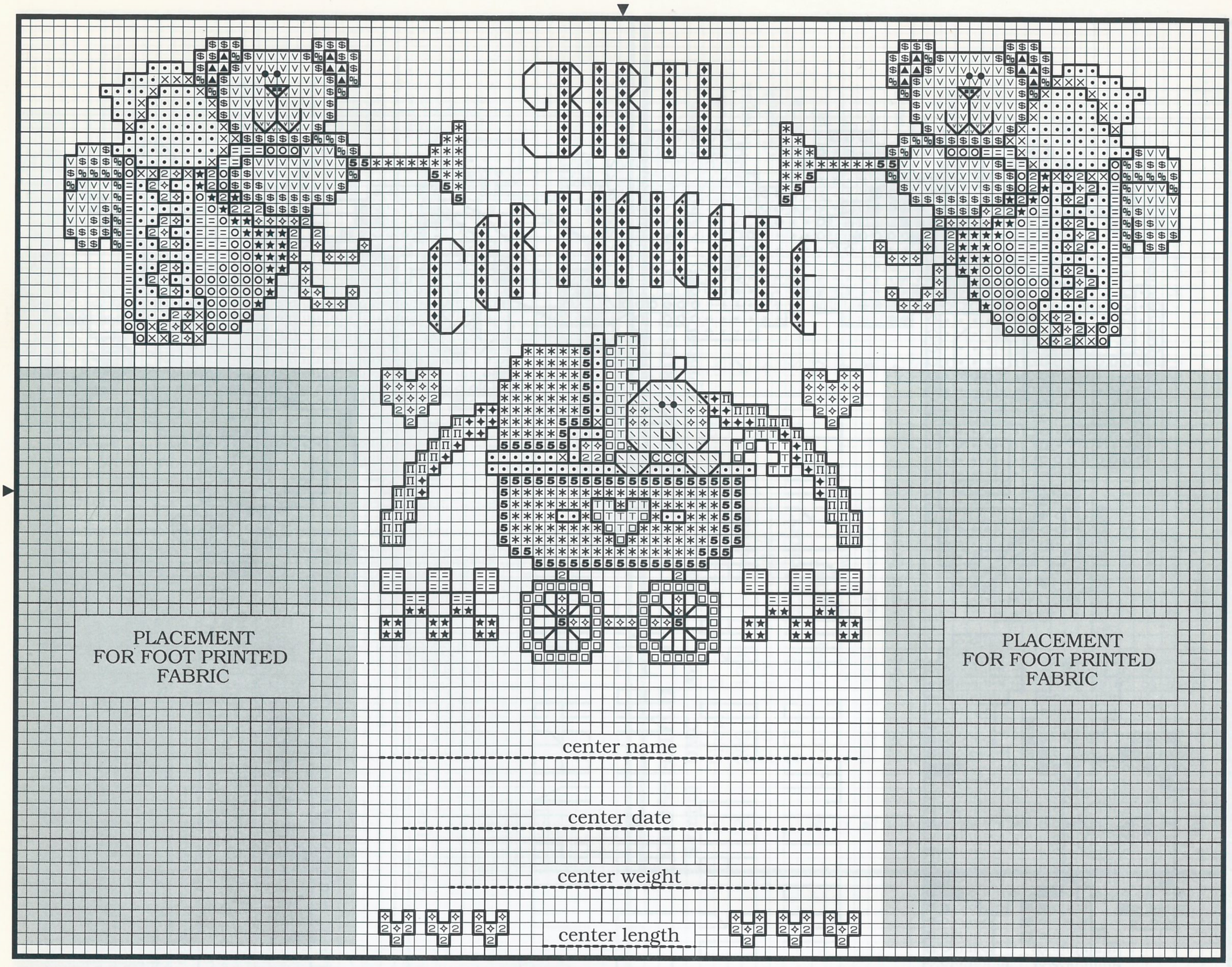

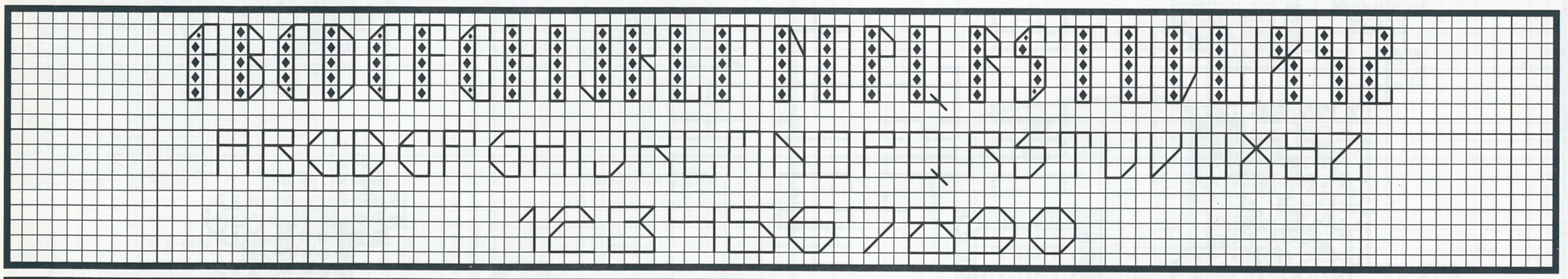

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CROSS STITCH

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2	962	75	pink
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X	3072	847	grey
Π	3325	129	lt blue
✧	3716	25	lt pink
✦	3755	140	blue

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
/	dk brown

FRENCH KNOT

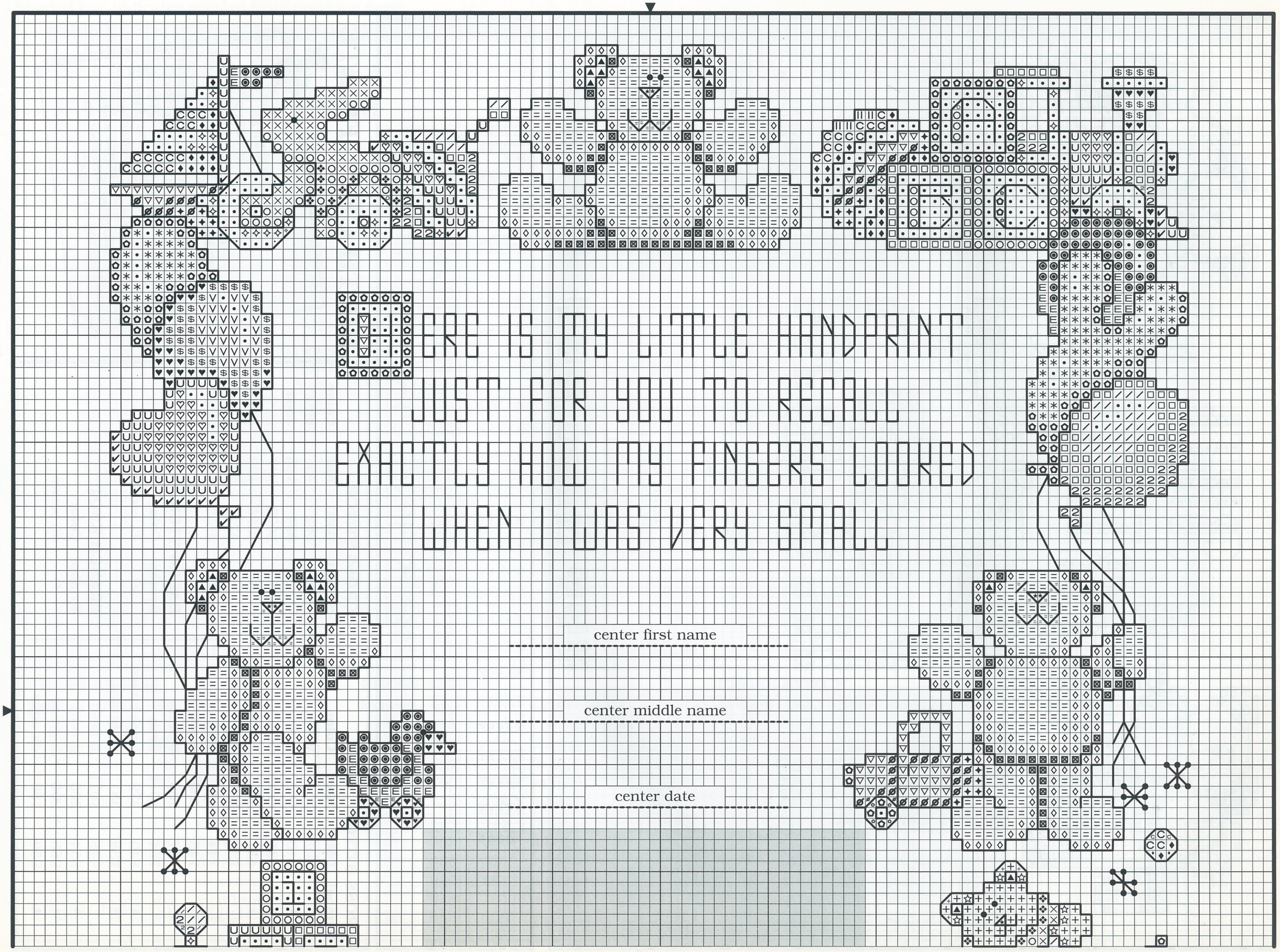
Symbol	Color
•	dk brown

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

STITCH COUNT:
95 wide x 77 high

PROJECT NOTES

Custom Frame: *Birth Certificate* was stitched on a 13" x 11½" piece of 14 ct. White Aida. We used 3 strands for Cross Stitch and 1 strand for all other stitches. We personalized our design with the alphabets and numbers provided. See Foot and Hand Printing on page 2.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EXACTLY HOW MY FINGERS LOOKED
WHEN I WAS VERY SMALL
center first name
center middle name
center date

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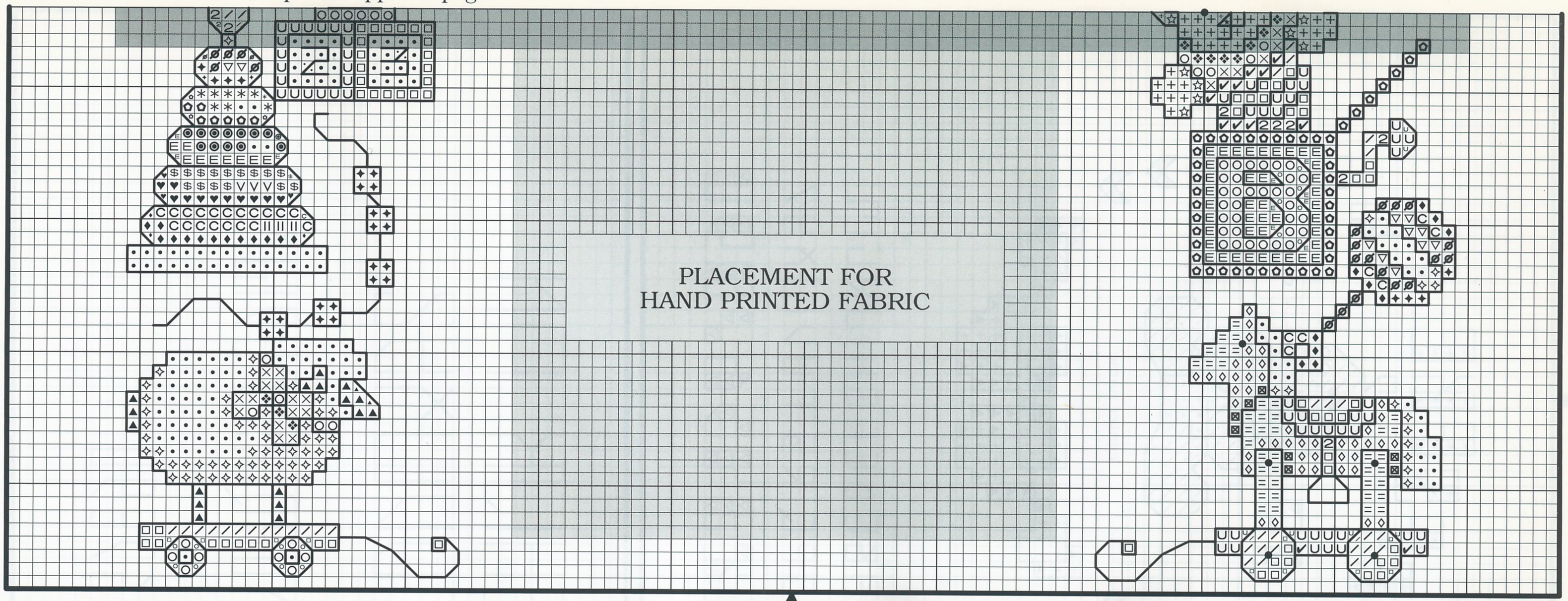

MY LITTLE HANDPRINT

STITCH COUNT:
102 wide x 124 high

PROJECT NOTES

Custom Frame: *My Little Handprint* was stitched on a 13 1/2" x 15" piece of 14 ct. White Aida. We used 3 strands for Cross Stitch and 1 strand for all other stitches. We personalized our design with the alphabet and numbers provided on page 9 using dk brown floss. See Foot and Hand Printing on page 2.

CROSS STITCH

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⌀	3325	129	blue
♦	3328	1024	dk salmon
○	3716	25	pink
✦	3755	140	dk blue
$	3825		orange

BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
/	dk brown

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
•	dk brown

BABY'S CURL

STITCH COUNT:
33 wide x 33 high

PROJECT NOTES
Porcelain Jar: *Baby's Curl* was stitched on an 8 1/2" x 8 1/2" piece of 14 ct. White Aida. We used 3 strands for Cross Stitch and 1 strand for all other stitches. We personalized our design with the alphabet provided. It was placed in a 3 1/2" dia. porcelain jar lid.

CROSS STITCH

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⊘	948	1011	lt flesh
▲	954	203	green
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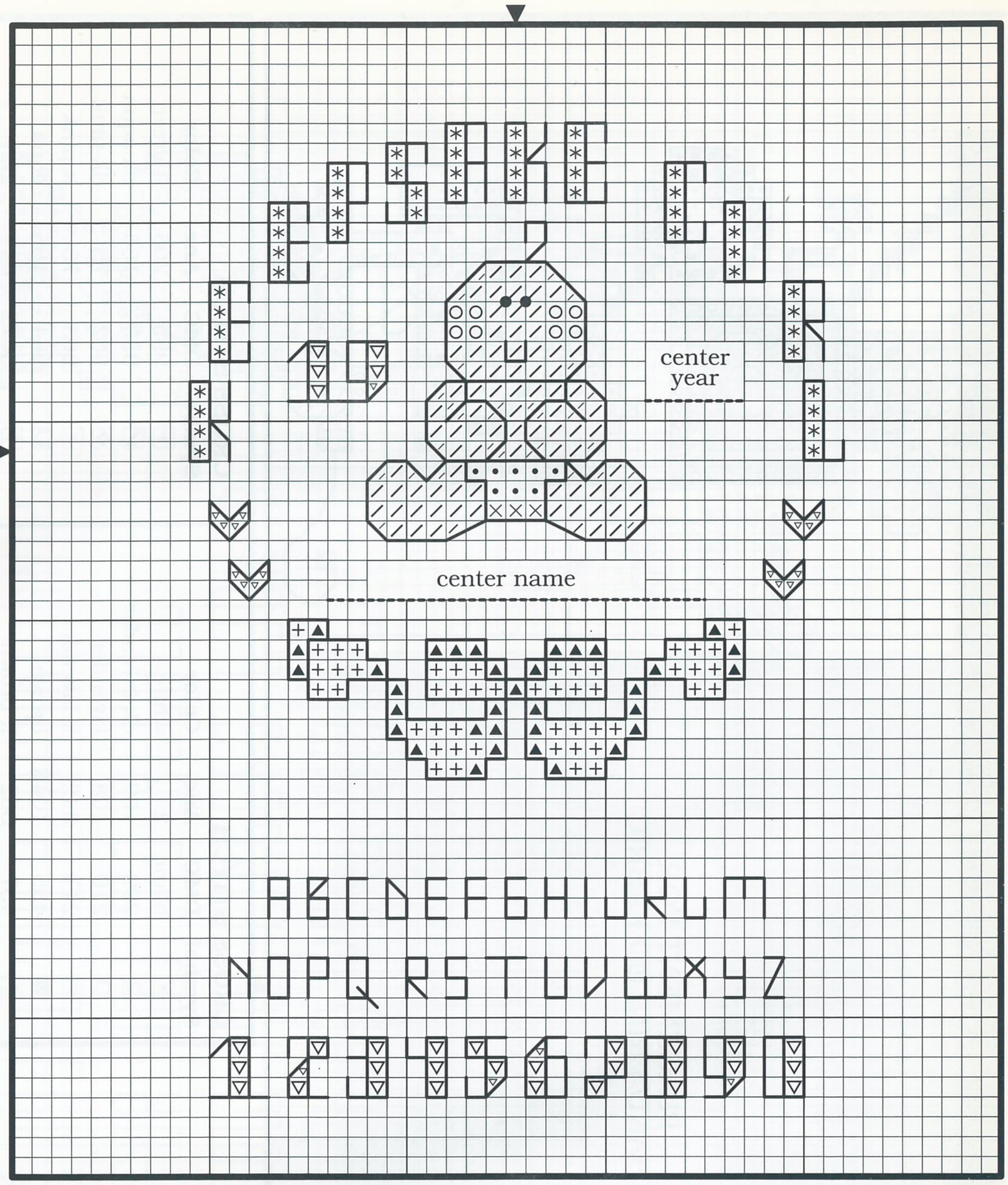
BACKSTITCH

Symbol	Color
⊘	brown

FRENCH KNOT

Symbol	Color
⊙	brown



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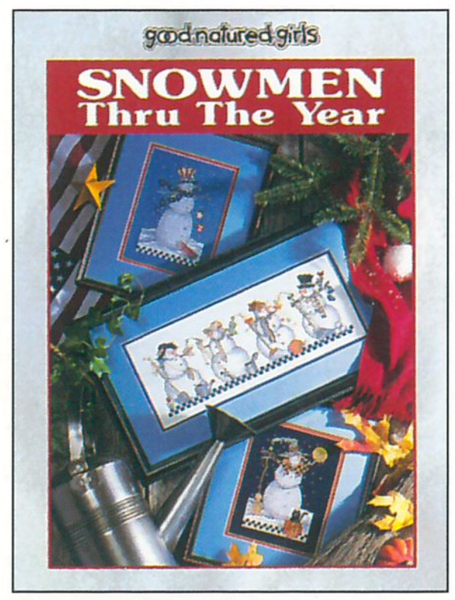

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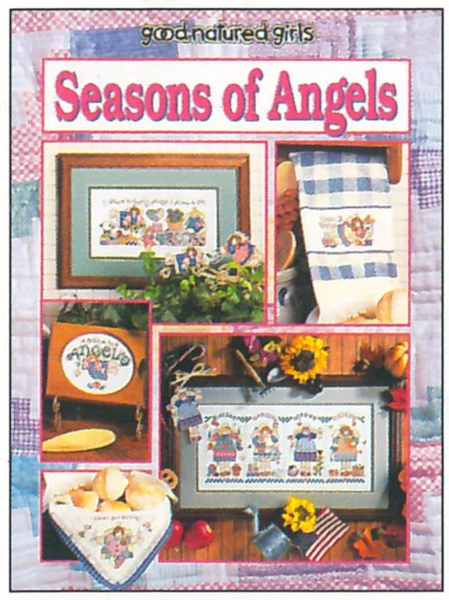
Baby's Keepsake Collection



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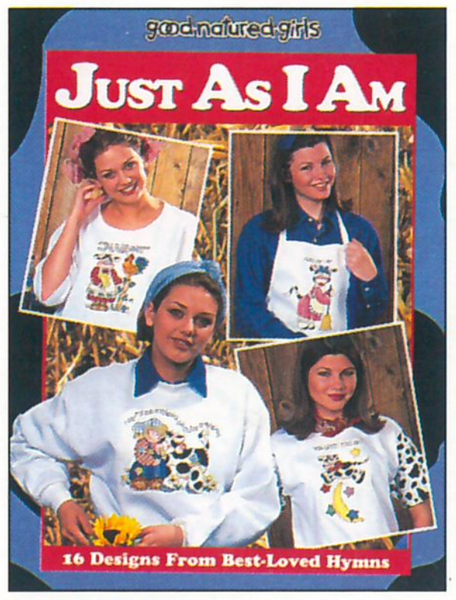

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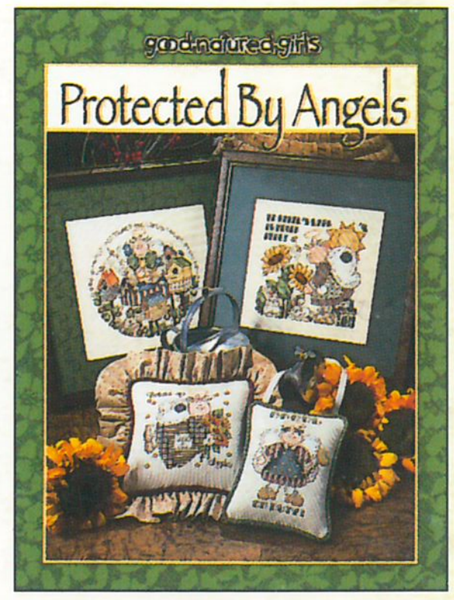

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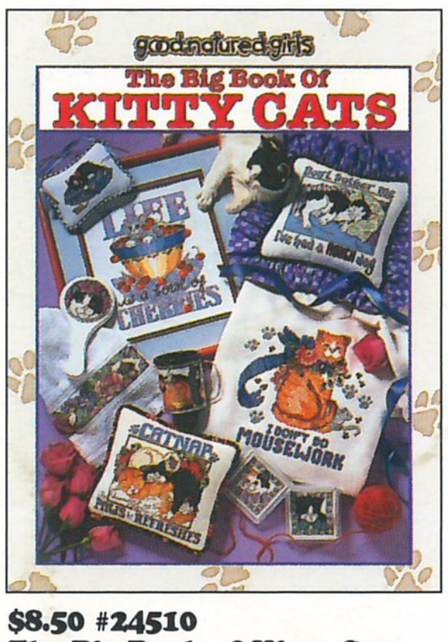

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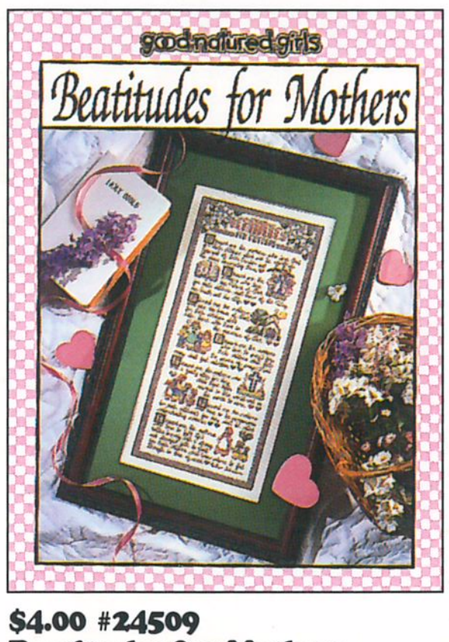

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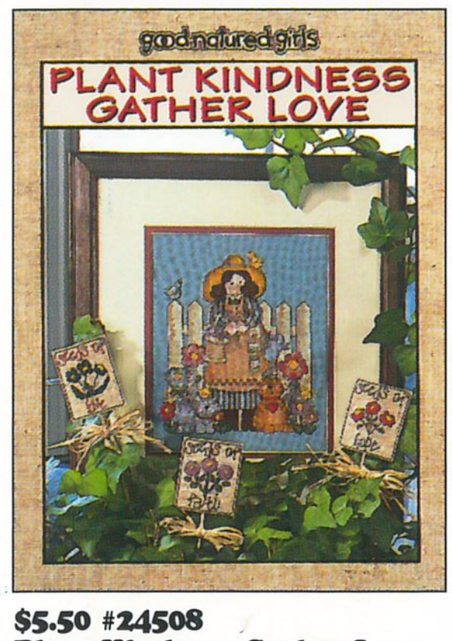

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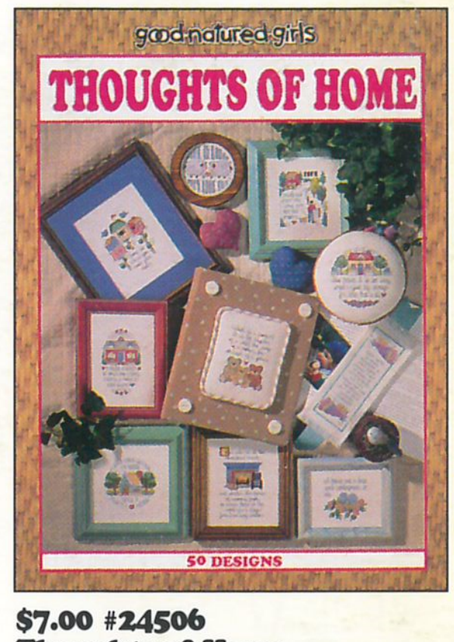

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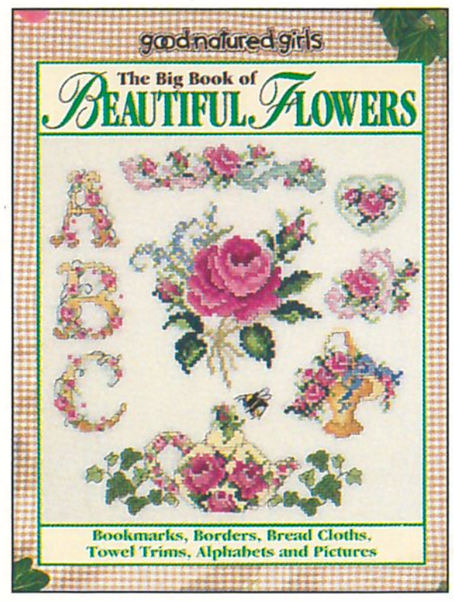

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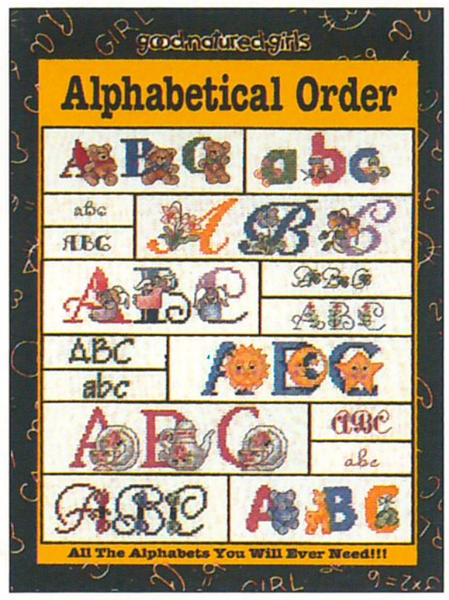

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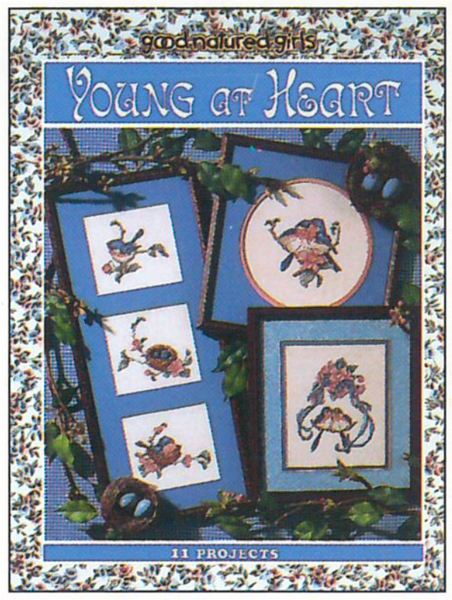

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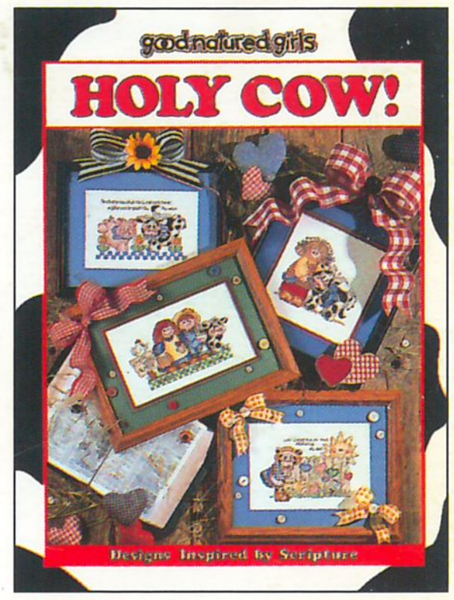

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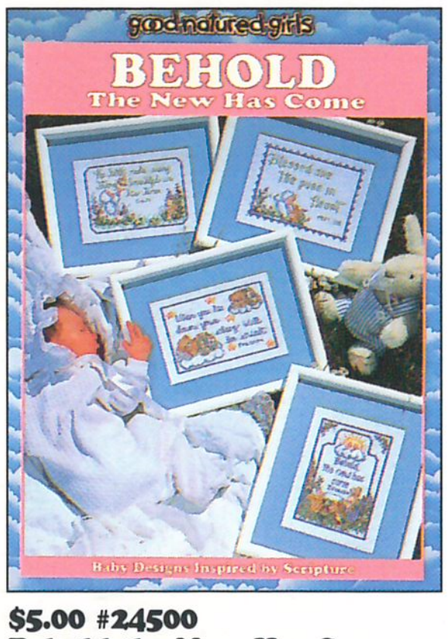

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